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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 297352

1. EMBASSY NOTES WITH CONCERN DELETION OF SRI LANKA FROM CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT FOR FY 79 (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH USG HAD OFFERED ABBREVIATED TRAINING LINE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) PROGRAM OF NOMINAL \$15,000 FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, LEFT-LEANING BANDARANAIKE GOVERNMENT HAD DECLINED.

2. NEW PRIME MINISTER JAYEWARDENE HAS GIVEN PERSONAL APPROVAL TO SERVICE COMMANDERS TO RESUME CONUS IMET PROGRAMS. SRI LANKA DEFENSE SERVICES REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN COUNTRY. USG OBJECTIVES AS CITED COLOMBO 5071 CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCED BY OFFERS OF PROFESSIONAL LEVEL MILITARY TRAINING UNDER THE IMET PROGRAM. OUR MODEST GRANT IMET PROGRAM HELPS PROVIDE SKILLS WHICH SMALL SRI LANKA DEFENSE SERVICES CANNOT OBTAIN LOCALLY AND ENABLES NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALIGNED SRI LANKA TO AVOID UNDUE DEPENDENCE ON ANY SINGLE EXTERNAL POWER.

3. DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS BEEN APPROACHED AND HAS DEVELOPED FY 78 TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SRI LANKA MILITARY AMOUNTING TO \$60,000 FOR WHICH DATT HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES GSL FULLY INTENDS TO UTILIZE. DAO HAS FORWARDED JUSTIFICATION DOCU-

MENTATION (CARD 4 PROGRAM ADDITION - DAO COLOMBO LTRS U-88-77, U-89-77 AND U-90-77 DTD 19 DECEMBER 1977) TO SECDEF (DSAA-TC) TO SUPPORT \$60,000 PROGRAM FOR FY 79 AND 80 AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED FOR FY 80-84.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMB STRONGLY ADVOCATES CONTINUATION OF MODEST (\$60-75,000) IMET PROGRAM AS IN BEST INTEREST OF USG.
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